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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: EWWT, ETRD, PORG, AS, TQ
SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PERMIT TO SHIP TO TTPI BY
REFRIGERATED EXPRESS LINES PTY. LTD.

SUMMARY: TTPI GOVERNMENT HAS REFUSED THE REQUEST
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ENTRY CLEARANCE TO SHIP CARGO TO THE TTPI. THE DECISION
MAY STIMULATE ADVERSE PRESS COMMENT AND POLICY GUIDANCE
IS REQUESTED.

1. THE CONSULATE GENERAL HAS BEEN ASKED BY THE CHAIRMAN
AND THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF REFRIGERATED EXPRESS LINES
PTY. LTD. (REL) OF SYDNEY FOR ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING
PERMISSION TO OPERATE A LINER SHIPPING SERVICE TO THE
TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS(TTPI). REL IS
A SUBSIDIARY OF REEFER EXPRESS LINES OF BERMUDA AND CURRENT
WTDR INFORMATION IS GENERALLY FAVORABLE. THE CHAIRMAN
HAS CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE IN CONTAINER OPERATIONS
AND IS PRESIDENT OF THE SYDNEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.
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2. FOLLOWING IS A CHRONOLOGY OF TELEGRAMS AND TELEXES

OF WHICH WE ARE AWARE:

A. FEBRUARY 28: TTPI GOVERNMENT REQUEST TO CONGEN
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B. MARCH 1: CONGEN SYDNEY REPLY GIVING GENERALLY
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C. MARCH 24: CONGEN SYDNEY QUERY TO TTPI GOVERNMENT
AT REQUEST OF REL ASKING STATUS OF APPLICATION.

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